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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Building - Discussion at NCPC re Condemnation

1. About 20 July I attended a meeting called by Don Chaney, General Counsel, NCPC, at which the following persons were in attendance in addition to myself:

National Capital Planning Commission - Mr. Chaney
Mr. Grotecloos
Mr. Schenck

National Park Service - Mr. Bayliss
Mr. Horn
Mr. Andrews
Mr. Rensch

Bureau of Public Roads - Mr. Tarrwater

2. Mr. McLeod of Justice was supposed to be there but was detained by illness. Chaney undertook to convey the sense of the meeting to McLeod and to keep us advised of future developments.

3. The purpose of the meeting, as explained to me by Chaney, was to accelerate condemnation proceedings for GWMP right-of-way. There was general agreement among all present that there should be acceleration. There has been some delay even after filing of declaration of taking on portions of the right-of-way because Justice does not want work to start until after condemnation. Justice has seen the site. Justice is concerned that the appearance of improvements might result in a higher verdict against the Government. The general consensus of the meeting was that this was a very vague basis upon which to delay construction when it is clear that substantial delays in construction can result in a very real cost to the Government. I stated that I would estimate that if occupancy of our building is delayed because the Parkway is not completed, this would result in a loss of savings to the Government of about \$10,000 a day.

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